

Amendments to Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A beverage composition comprising:

- (a) a chondroprotective agent selected from the group consisting of gelatin, cartilage, aminosugars, glycosaminoglycans, methylsulfonylmethane, S-adenosylmethionine, and mixtures thereof;
- (b) a sweetening agent which comprises selected from the group consisting of ~~sorbitol, mannitol, xylitol,~~ erythritol, malitol, maltose, lactose, ~~fructooligosaccharides, lo han guo, stevioside, acesulfame, sucralose, saccharin, xylose, arabinose, levulose, isomalt, ribose and mixture thereof;~~
- (c) at least about 75% water, by weight of the composition, and
- (d) less than about 18 grams total carbohydrate per every 230 milliliters of the composition.

2. (Original) A composition according to Claim 1 wherein the chondroprotective agent is selected from the group consisting of aminosugars, glycosaminoglycans, S-adenosylmethionine, and mixtures thereof.

[Claim 3 has been cancelled]

4. (Previously presented) A composition according to Claim 2 wherein the chondroprotective agent is selected from the group consisting of aminosugars, glycosaminoglycans, S-adenosylmethionine, and mixtures thereof and wherein:

- (a) the aminosugars are selected from the group consisting of glucosamine and salts thereof; and
- (b) the glycosaminoglycans are selected from the group consisting of chondroitin and salts thereof.

[Claims 5-8 have been cancelled]

9. (Currently Amended) A composition according to Claim 8 ~~4~~ further comprising one or more beverage components selected from the group consisting of fruit juice, tea, milk solids, and mixtures thereof.

[Claim 10 has been cancelled]

11. (Previously presented) A composition according to Claim 9 further comprising one or more nutrients.

12 (Previously presented) A composition according to Claim 9 further comprising one or more omega-3-fatty acids.

[Claims 13-42 have been cancelled]

43. (Currently amended) A kit comprising:

(a) a composition according to Claim ~~1~~ ~~4~~; and

(b) information that administration of the composition to mammals, including those with diabetes, promotes joint health, bone health, and anti-inflammation of joints.

[Claims 44-50 have been cancelled]